



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Guiding Light in Sheepshead Bay

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April 6, 2022

Dear Families:

The other day, my daughter was doing her homework, and she was drawing Easter eggs. After she drew them, she started to decorate each one. She drew zig-zag lines and funny shapes on most of them. Then she drew a cross in one and said, “I’ll draw a cross in this one. It will make God happy.” After thinking about it for a while, I realized what a great reminder that is for all of us. Sure, it’s fun to decorate eggs, prepare special baskets, and wait for the arrival of the Easter Bunny, but it’s also important for us to realize that Jesus’ death and resurrection should be at the heart of our Easter celebrations!

Speaking of celebrations, this Friday our eighth graders will receive their class rings, symbols of their time here at Saint Mark Catholic Academy. Many of our graduates have grown up with us, starting at SMCA in pre-k or kindergarten; others only started this past September. But whether they’ve been with us for 10 years or 10 months, they all have grown—physically, academically, and spiritually. I’m sure many of them can recall a time when they, too, were drawing Easter eggs in kindergarten. Now they’re graphing linear equations in math class. What hasn’t changed, though, is that each lesson and every topic from their earliest days here to yesterday’s math lesson, have always included and incorporated our faith.

Posted at Saint Mark Catholic Academy—and at many other Catholic schools—is a sign that says, “*Be it known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen, but ever-present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.*” Just as we remember that Christ is the reason for Easter, we should also never lose sight of that fact He is also the reason for our school. It’s no coincidence that the rings our students will receive on Friday have a cross imprinted on them—just like the one on my daughter’s Easter egg.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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**Saint Mark Catholic Academy presents...**

# CUTEST PET CONTEST!



**Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> is National Pet Day!**

Do you have a dog or cat...maybe a hamster or lizard?  
Whatever pet you have, enter it in our cutest pet contest!

**Email pictures of you and your pet to:**

**[pets@smsonthebay.com](mailto:pets@smsonthebay.com)**

- All entries should be sent from a parent or guardian email address.
- Please know that by sending in your pictures, you are giving us permission to post them on our website and social media pages.
- Include in your email: student's name, grade, pet's name, and type of animal.

**ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12PM  
ON MONDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>.**

**The winners will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card  
for the owner and \$20 Petco gift card for their pet!**

# **EARLY DISMISSAL**

**on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

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- Please continue to use your usual entrance/exit.
- This is a **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL** for 3K for All and Pre-K for All students.
- The after-school program will continue to be available for all students.

## **DISMISSAL TIMES FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**

- Kindergarten A and Kindergarten B will dismiss at 11:50am.
- Grades 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, and 4 will dismiss at 12pm.
- Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 will also dismiss at 12pm.

My Dear Parishioners,

It gives me great joy to share with you that St. Mark – St. Margaret Mary Parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

Our parish will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish. Next weekend at all the Masses, we will help walk you through the registration process if needed.

You have easy access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey and that of your family members.

Are you hesitant to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a long absence? Watch *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*.

Would you like to be more confident in answering your teenagers' questions about the validity of the Gospels? Watch *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*.

Do you search for a reliable source of Catholic teaching on current issues? Tune in each week to *The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray*.

Have you despaired of finding good movies that your family can enjoy together on a Friday night? Start with *Mother Teresa*, the story of the selfless saint who brought hope and love to the poorest of the poor.

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week, might I suggest watching *Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*, a 30-minute contemplative documentary that cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story.

You can enjoy FORMED on your computer or on your television with an inexpensive Roku device or Apple TV. You can even listen on your phone as you commute to work or do chores.

My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith.

May the good Lord bless you and all of your loved ones!  
Father Bob, Pastor



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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in your app store.

# BREAD OF LIFE FOOD DRIVE

sponsored by Notre Dame Club of Staten Island



Students who bring in  
canned goods may  
**DRESS DOWN!**

**Support this Year's  
Bread of Life Food  
Drive at our school!**



**B.O.L.D. 2022**

March 28 – April 9  
“31 Years of Caring”



# GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR PEACE

April 15, 2022



Please join us at 10:00am in front of St. Mark Church.

We walk from St. Mark along Emmons Avenue stopping at different points along the route to pray the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary across the foot bridge to St. Margaret Mary and back to St. Mark.

We will then conclude the morning with a soup and bread lunch together as a community in the academy's cafeteria. For more information call the Rectory at

718-891-3100

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# Hair Braiding Workshop With Iryn

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022**

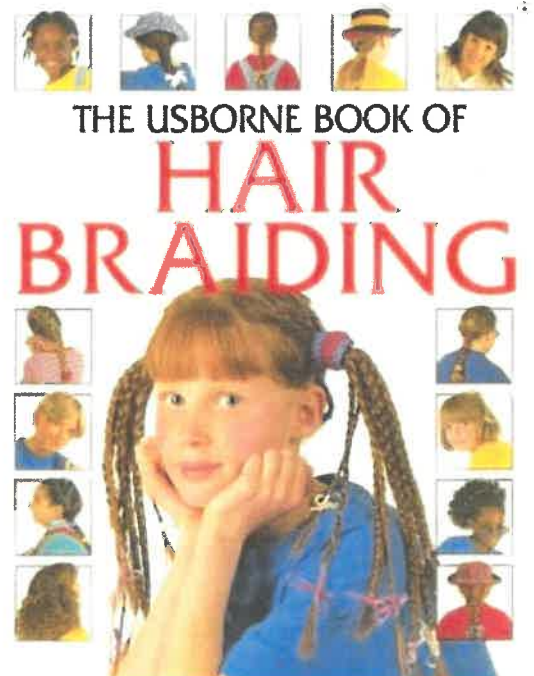
**Time: 3:00 pm**

**Sheepshead Bay Library**

Ever seen people post pictures with beautiful braids and wondered how to do it yourself?? Or have you tried to braid your hair and felt like it was impossible? Well, no worries.

Join our LOT intern Iryn as she teaches you step by step on how to braid your hair in simple steps. By the end of this workshop you will learn to impress your friends and families with your stunning hairstyles.

For more information, to RSVP call 718.368.1815 or go to [bklynlibrary.org](http://bklynlibrary.org).



**Bklyn**  
Public Library

**Sheepshead Bay Library Branch**

2636 E. 14th St. at, Avenue Z

Brooklyn, NY 11235

[Bklynlibrary.org](http://Bklynlibrary.org)

# St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary Family Picnic

Saturday, April 30th from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM



## *A Taste of Honey at Nansen Park*

*3465 Victory Boulevard  
Staten Island, N.Y. 10314*

**Cost: \$40 per adult, \$20 per child 6 - 14, children under 6 free**

***DJ, Music and Dancing  
Tentative activities include:***

***Shuffleboard, Horseshoes***

***Bocce Ball, Volleyball***

***Softball (bring your glove)***

***Sack Races, 3 Legged Races***

***Face painting for kid &***

***our Roaring Lion Raffle Drawing!***

***Menu includes unlimited:***

***Bagels, Danish, Coffee and Tea***

***Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fries, Salad Bar***

***BBQ Chicken, Sausage & Peppers,***

***Roast Beef Sandwiches, Corn on the Cob***

***Watermelon, Ice Cream***

***Soda and Water***

***Wine \$4/glass, Beer \$5/bottle***

**Close with Vigil Mass for Sun. at 5 pm**

**(No outside alcohol permitted on premises)**



***Free on site Parking***



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY SUPPORTS THE NYPD

As part of an ongoing fundraiser, we will be selling **BLUE BOWS** in support of the New York City Police Department and all law enforcement agencies.

For a **\$5 donation**, a family will have a bow placed on our fence on East 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Also, each child will be entitled to a **BLUE DRESS DOWN** on the day of their choice.

The fundraiser will begin **February 10<sup>th</sup>** and end on **April 13<sup>th</sup>**.

All funds will support the **NYC PBA Widows and Children's Fund**.



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## **Saint Mark Catholic Academy • BLUE BOW SALE** **\$5 Donation for each bow**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of bows to purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY'S FRIDAY PIZZA DINNER RAFFLE



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SAINT MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY!

*Sponsored by*

## V&S PIZZA

1723 Emmons Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11235



For \$20, your family has  
SIX (6) chances to win a family pizza dinner  
package from **V&S Pizza!**

The family pizza package includes...

- A large cheese pizza
- Two orders of garlic knots
- A 1.5-liter bottle of soda



Drawings will be held on:

March 4<sup>th</sup> • March 11<sup>th</sup> • March 18<sup>th</sup> • March 25<sup>th</sup> • April 1<sup>st</sup> • April 8<sup>th</sup>

Raffles can be bought throughout the six weeks. • Winners will not be removed.  
Multiple opportunities to win!

**FRIDAY PIZZA DINNER RAFFLE**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Raffles: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each = Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Winners will get a voucher to bring to V&S. No deliveries.